

The Night of Blessings

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Baba and Mansoor sat on the balcony, gazing at the stars twinkling in the night sky. A soft breeze carried the sweet scent of jasmine.

Mansoor: Baba, why do we stay up late during these last nights of Ramadan? You said tonight might be very special.

Baba: Yes, my dear. Tonight could be Laylatul Qadr, the Night of Decree. Do you know what makes it so special?

Mansoor: Hmm... Is it because we pray extra?

Baba: That's part of it. But let me tell you what our beloved Prophet ﷺ said. He said, "Whoever establishes the prayers on the night of Qadr out of sincere faith and hoping to attain Allah's rewards, then all his past sins will be forgiven." (Sahih Bukhari, Hadith #35)

Mansoor's eyes widened with excitement.

Mansoor: All sins forgiven? Even if someone made many mistakes?

Baba: Yes, my son. Allah is the Most Merciful. If we pray sincerely, seeking His forgiveness and rewards, He wipes away our past mistakes. That's why we try our best to worship on this night—it is better than a thousand months!

Mansoor: A thousand months? That's more than... umm... so many years!

Baba smiled and patted Mansoor's head.

Baba: Yes, more than eighty-three years! Imagine if you do just one good deed tonight, it's as if you did it for a lifetime!

Mansoor: Wow! That means if I read even one page of the Quran, it's like reading for a lifetime!

Baba: Exactly! That's why we pray, make dua, and seek forgiveness. Even a simple "Astaghfirullah" can bring endless rewards.

Mansoor: Then I want to pray too! Can I stay up with you, Baba?

Baba: Of course, my dear. But we must pray with sincerity, not just to stay awake. Would you like to make a special dua?

Mansoor closed his eyes, thinking deeply. Then he whispered:

Mansoor: Ya Allah, please forgive all my mistakes. Bless my Baba and Mama. Help all the people who are sad, and let me find Laylatul Qadr. Ameen!

Baba smiled, his eyes filled with love.

Baba: Ameen, my son. That was a beautiful dua. Now, let's stand and pray, hoping Allah accepts our worship.